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Allocation of items to the Third Committee

Letter dated 20 September 2002 from the President of the General Assembly to the Chairman of the Third Committee

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the decisions taken by the General Assembly at the 19th plenary meeting of its fifty-seventh session pertaining to the allocation of items to the Third Committee.

I wish to draw your attention to the recommendations on the organization of the session contained in section II of the report of the General Committee (A/57/250). Those recommendations were also approved by the General Assembly at its 19th plenary meeting.

May I also draw your attention to the relevant parts of sections IV and V of the report concerning the agendas of the Main Committees.

I earnestly request your cooperation in these matters.

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Annex

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1. Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly (item 97).

2. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family (item 98).

   [In accordance with resolution 56/38 of 5 December 2001 and decision 56/473 of 27 June 2002, the General Assembly will devote two plenary meetings of the fifty-seventh session, on 26 November 2002, to the outcome of the International Year of Volunteers and its follow-up.]

3. Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing (item 99).

4. Crime prevention and criminal justice (item 100).

5. International drug control (item 101).

6. Advancement of women (item 102).

   [The General Assembly decided that the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the operations, management and budget of the United Nations Development Fund for Women would be referred to the Second Committee for consideration under item 88 (Operational activities for development).]

7. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" (item 103).

8. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions (item 104).

9. Promotion and protection of the rights of children (item 105).

10. Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People (item 106).

11. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination (item 107):

    (a) Elimination of racism and racial discrimination;

    (b) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action.

12. Right of peoples to self-determination (item 108).

13. Human rights questions (item 109):

    (a) Implementation of human rights instruments;

    (b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives;

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action;

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

14. Follow-up to the outcome of the special session on children (item 43).

[The General Assembly decided to allocate item 43 also to the Second Committee.]

15. Report of the Economic and Social Council (chapters I, III and V, chapter VII, sections A to C and I, and chapter IX) (item 12).

[The General Assembly decided that the chapters of the report listed below would be referred also to the Second and Fifth Committees, as follows:

(a) Chapters I, VII (sections B and C) and IX..... Second and Fifth Committees

(b) Chapters III, V and VII (section A)..... Second Committee]

16. Election of the officers of the Main Committees (item 5).